Women self-employment programme

4569. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of vocational training imparted by Government and different State Governments jointly or separately to women in order to provide them self-employment;

(b) the number of women employed under self-employment schemes in different States during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(c) whether Government propose to take up any comprehensive plan for women empowerment in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Vocational Training is imparted by Central Government, State Government and private institutions to women through exclusive training centres for women Industrial Training Institutes and various other training schemes to increase the employability of the Labour force.

As per estimate obtained from the National Sample Survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation, the percentage of selfemployment among rural and urban female was of the order of 57.3 per cent and 45.3 per cent respectively in the year 1999-2000 (latest available).

(c) and (d) The Government is very much alive to the situation of employment in the country, including for women, thus, takes up appropriate steps to improve the situation.

Exploitation of Child Labour

4570. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the organized racket operating in Delhi which is involved in exploiting child labour especially in garment embroidery industry, where 43 children have been rescued by the police;